

Application No.: 10/519,338
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on January 15, 2008 and attended by Megan Leigh Yarnall, Bruce Edward Snow, Josué A. Villalta, and Alejandro D. Muñoz.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 1, 8.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Pilliar (U.S. Pat. No. 3,855,638) and Shimamune et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,034,186)

Proposed Amendments

Applicant proposed amendments to Claim 1 relating generally to a roughening in the sub-micrometer range. Additionally, Applicant proposed amendments to Claim 8 relating generally to an open-pored structure.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant noted that neither Pilliar nor Shimamune disclose surfaces with both a macro-structure and a micro-structure that allow for bone cells, on a microscopic scale, to gain any hold on the smooth implant surface. Applicant proposed amending Claims 1 and 8 to further distinguish the cited art to recite such a two-level surface structure.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted Applicant's arguments in reference to Claims 1 and 8 and agreed that Pilliar and Shimamune did not disclose a surface with both a macro-structure and a micro-structure. Applicant agreed to submit a response to the Office Action, as outlined above, and the Examiner agreed to consider the response but noted a further search might be required.